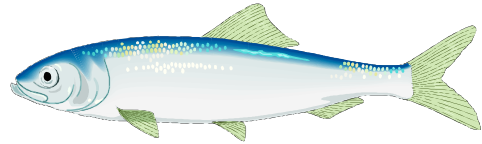


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**KODIAK COMMERCIAL HERRING SAC ROE FISHERY NEWS RELEASE # 22
For Emergency Orders #4-FH-K-24-13, and 4-FH-K-25-13**

Commercial herring fishing **opened** for purse seine gear in that portion of the **Village Islands/Uganik bays sections (UG30 and UG32-34) south of 57° 44.50' N. lat. and north of 57° 42.80' N. lat.** from **11:20 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. Tuesday, May 7, 2013.**

Commercial herring fishing for purse seine gear was **extended** in that portion of the **Village Islands/Uganik bays sections (UG30 and UG32-34) south of 57° 44.50' N. lat. and north of 57° 42.80' N. lat.** from **12:20 p.m. to 1:20 p.m. Tuesday, May 7, 2013.**

As Previously Announced:

The following areas are **open** to **both seine and gillnet gear** for commercial herring sac roe fishing.

<u>Afognak Districts:</u>	<u>GHL</u>	<u>Alitak District:</u>	<u>GHL</u>	<u>Eastside District:</u>	<u>GHL</u>
(NA50) Tonki Bay	40	(AL20) Inner Alitak	75	(EA21) Three Saints Bay	75
(SA10-30) Izhut, Kitoi, and MacDonalds Lagoon	125	(AL21, 22) Inner and Outer Deadman bays	300	(EA23) West Sitkalidak	300
		(AL30) Sulua Bay	75	(EA24) Barling Bay	125
<u>Uganik District:</u>		(AL40) Lower Olga-Moser	50	(EA30) East Sitkalidak	300
(UG20) Viekoda Bay	25	(AL41) East Upper Olga Bay	50	(EA51) Inner Ugak	200
(UG21) Terror Bay	30	(AL50) West Upper Olga Bay	50		
(UG31) W. Uganik Passage	50				

Purse seine fishing periods will be **noon to 9:00 p.m. on odd-numbered days, and 9:00 a.m. to noon on even-numbered days**, followed by a 24 hour closed period. Beginning **May 8** purse seine fishing periods will be **noon to 10:00 p.m. on odd-numbered days, and 9:00 a.m. to noon on even-numbered days**

Fishing periods for gillnet gear will remain **open until further notice.**

The following areas are open to **only gillnet gear until further notice:**

<u>Afognak Districts:</u>	<u>GHL</u>	<u>Uganik District:</u>	<u>GHL</u>	<u>Eastside District:</u>	<u>GHL</u>
(WA10) Raspberry Strait	10	(UG30) Village Islands	350	(EA42) Shearwater Bay	100
(WA20) Malina Bay	10	(UG32) NE Arm Uganik		(EA44) Inner Kiliuda Bay	75
(NA30) Perenosa Bay	10	(UG33) East Arm Uganik			
(SA40) Danger Bay		(UG34) South Arm Uganik			
<u>Northeast District:</u>					
(NE20) Kalsin Bay	15				
<u>Inner Marmot District:</u>					
(IM20) Anton Larsen	15				
(IM30) Sharatin Bay	30				

Beginning May 1, all Kodiak commercial sac roe herring fishermen that wish to continue fishing after April 30 must be registered with the department. Registration began on April 25 and may be accomplished either in the Kodiak fish and game office, or with fish and game personnel when available in the field. Communication is critical to effectively manage the commercial herring fishery. **Herring fishermen will need to contact the department prior to fishing in an area and when herring are harvested. Failure to do so will result in area closures.**

The current estimate of the total harvested herring in the Kodiak Management Area is approximately 3,400 tons.

The following areas are closed to commercial herring fishing for the remainder of the season:

- The Outer Kiliuda and Outer Ugak Bay sections of the Eastside District, and the Kizhuyak Bay Section of the Inner Marmot District.

PURSE SEINE GEAR (DELAYED OPENING) AREAS

The following section will also open to purse seine gear, but the initial purse seine fishing period will be delayed. There will be 24 hour advance notice prior to opening this area:

<u>Northeast District:</u>	<u>GHL</u>
(NE10) Womens Bay	50

EXPLORATORY AREAS

The following sections are designated as EXPLORATORY, and opened to either gear type, with differential fishing periods by gear type as outlined above for purse seine or gillnet gear:

Afognak Districts:

(WA20) Delphin Bay
(WA40) Bluefox Bay

Alitak District:

(AL60) Geese/Two Headed

Eastside District:

(EA10) Kaiugnak Bay
(EA20) SW Sitkalidak
(EA22) Newman Bay
(EA31) Tanginak Anchorage

Mainland Districts:

(NM20) Inner Kukak Bay
(MM10) Inner Katmai Bay
(MM30) Alinchak Bay

(MM40) Puale Bay
(MM50) Portage Bay
(SM10) Wide Bay

The remainder of the Kodiak Area will stay closed to commercial herring fishing for the entire sac roe season.

Guideline harvest levels and maps of open sections and gear assignments are available at the Kodiak office and in the herring sac roe fishery harvest strategy for the 2013 season. Fishermen are urged to check with their market and test their catch prior to landing herring. Determining if size or roe quality meets processor standards is the responsibility of fishermen and industry. It is anticipated that many small and green fish will be present on the grounds during the initial open fishing periods. Recent fishery information may be obtained by calling the Departments 24-hour record-a-phone at 486-4559.